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REMARKS

The Application is in condition for allowance except for certain informalities. Claims 1-27 are pending. Claims 1-27 are allowed.

I. OBJECTION TO SPECIFICATION:

The Examiner has objected to the Specification because a related U.S. Patent Application was not properly identified on page 10, line 4 of the Specification. Applicants have amended the Specification accordingly. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the objection to the Specification.

II. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

As a result of the foregoing, it is asserted by Applicants that claims 1-27 in the Application are in condition for allowance, and Applicants respectfully request an allowance of such claims. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call Applicants' attorney at the below listed number if the Examiner believes that such a discussion would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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